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Letter dated 11 June 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Djibouti to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter, addressed to you, from His Excellency Mr. Mahamoud Ali Youssouf, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Djibouti, concerning the situation of Djibouti and Eritrea.

(*Signed*) Roble **Olhaye**

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Annex to the Letter dated 11 June 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Djibouti to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Djibouti, 11 June 2008

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you of recent developments in the situation on the border between Djibouti and Eritrea at Ras Doumeira, on the northern frontier of the Republic of Djibouti.

In the morning of Tuesday, 10 June 2008, Eritrean armed forces launched unprovoked attacks with light and heavy weapons against the positions of the army of Djibouti, thereby demonstrating the Eritrean Government's bellicose nature and its intention to destabilize the region.

The Government of the Republic of Djibouti notes that this act of aggression has taken place at a time when the talks between the various Somali parties participating in the peace negotiations in Djibouti have resulted in the conclusion of a peace agreement.

Consequently, in view of the gravity of the situation on the border, the Government of the Republic of Djibouti requests the convening of an emergency meeting of the Security Council to put an end to the aggression by the Eritrean armed forces.

(*Signed*) Mahmoud Ali **Youssouf**
Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation